

methods he may devise. In so far as he is successful in this practice so far will the students in his classes carry away with them a definite and compact and possibly useful body of knowledge upon the subject taught. Such a chart as this has been found very useful in such an epitome, and the method in general is successful in application.

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A METHOD FOR MOUNTING ANATOMICAL PREPARATIONS FOR  
EXHIBITION

Oftentimes students in comparative anatomy make excellent preparations which are worthy of preservation. But this is not done as a rule because of the trouble in mounting. A glass strip of just the right size to fit into the exhibition jar must be found. The preparation is with difficulty tied by thread to the glass plate. If one could only "pin" into glass! The following method is suggested as a solution. A mixture of hard paraffin, beeswax and lampblack is melted up and poured into a paper box cover about the size needed had a glass plate been used. The mixture in the cover should be between  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep. It should be allowed to cool somewhat and then on this bed the preparation should be placed and pressed down into it somewhat. A few small pins can easily be made to fasten it securely. When the matrix is cooled they can be clipped off on the back. Labels can also be easily attached to parts of the dissection. The entire cover can now be placed in cold water for a few minutes. When hardened the cover can be cut away with a knife—the paraffin background cut down to just the size that will fit into the glass jar—care being taken to make it fit snugly. The jar can now be filled with formalin and the cover fastened on. The black background makes the objects stand out distinctly and the preparation never becomes loosened from its wax bed. The whole operation takes but a few minutes time.

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